

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH (42:5-9)

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.

The Word of the Lord.

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¹ Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land or the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

² For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like grass.

³ In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

⁴ The span of our life is seventy years and perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

⁵ So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.